#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

# BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD REGION 19

DAKKUK WEST. INC	BARRIER	WEST.	<b>INC</b>
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Employer,

and

MACHINISTS DISTRICT LODGE W-1

Union.

NO. 19-RC-15300

EMPLOYER'S EXCEPTIONS TO REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON OBJECTION

Barrier West, Inc. ("Barrier West"), by and through its undersigned attorneys of record and pursuant to Section 102.69 of the National Labor Relations Board Rules and Regulations and Statements of Procedure, hereby submits the following exceptions to the <u>Regional Director's Report and Recommendation on Objection</u> (the "Report") issued by Region 19 Director Richard Ahearn (the "Regional Director") on June 9, 2010.

Barrier West takes exception to the Regional Director's finding that hospitalized employee and eligible voter Dan Alderman's "inability to vote does not constitute objectionable conduct that warrants setting aside the election," and to a number of his related arguments and conclusions, including the following:

- 1. "In the instant case, there is no argument that Alderman was unable to vote for any reason other than his hospitalization, a factor undoubtedly outside the control of the parties to the election." Report, p. 3.
- 2. "[T]here is no evidence, or even argument that [Alderman's] absence was related to conduct on the part of the Union, the Employer or the Board." Report, p. 3.
- 3. <u>Lemco Construction, Inc.</u>, 283 NLRB 459 (1987) does not support Barrier West's position. Report, p. 4.

4. The distinction between an employee with a disability and an employee on vacation "is not determinative[.]" Report, p. 5.

"[T]he Employer presents no evidence that would indicate that Alderman's

failure to vote was the result of non-compliance by the Region with the disability

accommodation provisions of the Representation Casehandling Manual or of the

Accommodation provisions contained in Section 4 of the Stipulated Election Agreement."

Report, p. 5

6. Accommodating Mr. Alderman's disability could be considered a material

breach of the parties' Stipulated Election Agreement. Report, pp. 5-6.

For the reasons discussed in the accompanying brief, the Regional Director's arguments

and conclusions are largely unsupported in fact and law. The Board should reject the Regional

Director's recommendation. Barrier West's objection should be sustained and a new election

ordered.

Signed at Seattle, Washington, this 23 day of June, 2010.

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